

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Stuart H. Mayer on 04/14/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In The Claims

2. Cancel claims 66-69

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 48-51 and 53-65 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach as in claim 48:

A method of cutting prescribed pattern in a workpiece, by directing radiation beam onto the workpiece by scanning the radiation beam with a scanning galvanometer to redirect the radiation beam in a desired manner within a planar scan area; wherein a conical mirror is positioned along an optical path between the radiation source and the

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workpiece, the conical mirror having an apex with an aperture through which the workpiece passes.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL ABOAGYE whose telephone number is (571)272-8165. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King can be reached on 571-272-1244. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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